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SUBJECT: 1978 INDIA COUNTRY REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 212848; (B) STATE 207310

1. TO ASSIST US IN PREPARING FIRST DRAFT OF SUBJECT REPORT,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND/OR INPUT ON FOLLOW-
ING AREAS:

(A) WHAT ARE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND/OR LEGAL GUARANTEES
CONCERNING TORTURE, CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING PUNISH-
MENT, ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT, FAIR PUBLIC
TRIAL, AND INVASION OF HOME? HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY REPORTS
THAT ANY OF THESE CONSTITUTIONAL/LEGAL RIGHTS HAS BEEN
VIOLATED IN PAST YEAR? IF YES, QUANTIFY THEM;

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(B) PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON POLICE ACTIONS AND
KILLINGS DURING LABOR STRIKES THIS PAST YEAR, AND INDICATE
WHAT STEPS GOI AND/OR STATE GOVERNMENTS TOOK IN RESPONSE
TO POLICE ACTIONS;

(C) PLEASE PROVIDE GENERAL STATEMENT ON CASTE SYSTEM
AS IT RELATES TO HUMAN RIGHTS. WHAT CONSTITUTIONAL/LEGAL

BARRIERS EXIST TO CASTE SYSTEM AND/OR ITS EFFECTS? WHAT

ACTIONS HAS GOVERNMENT TAKEN TO PREVENT/ELIMINATE CASTE DISCRIMINATION? DESPITE LEGAL GUARANTEES, TO WHAT EXTENT HAS GOVERNMENT TOLERATED/CONDONED DE FACTO, AS OPPOSED TO DE JURE, DISCRIMINATION?

(D) INFORMATION ON ANY VISITS, INVESTIGATIONS, ETC. IN INDIA BY INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS;

(E) ANY OTHER COMMENTS/INPUT YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR 1979 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE BY SEPTEMBER 6. PLEASE SLUG REPLY FOR NEA/INS. CHRISTOPHER

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